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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER DELIVERED TO BRITISH HIGH COMMISION
BY STUDENT DEMONSTRATORS FROM NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LESOTHO:

QTE HIS EXCELLENCY THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISYIONER,

YOUR EXCELLENCY, AT A TIME LIKE THIS, WHEN THE WORLD IS ONE IN
CONDEMNING SOUTH AFRICAN RACIST POLICIES, ESPECIALLY AS POTRAYED
IN THEIR ACTION DURING THE RECENT UNREST; WE, THE STUDENTS OF THE
NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LESOTHO, THROUGH THE SOUTHERN AFRICA
STUDENT SOLIDARITY ACTION COMMITTEE NOTE THAT:

1. GREAT BRITIAN BY ITS ECONOMIC INVOLVEMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA,
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THROUGH SUCH COMPANIES AS SHELL, LEYLAND ETC., IS HELPING

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MAINTAIN A SYSTEMHTHAT CLEARLY BENEFITS A MINORITY OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN PEOPLE;

2. UNDER THE COVER OF "DEMOCRACY", BRITIAN HAS HELPED PREVENT POSITIVE STEPS BEING TAKEN AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA AT THE SECURITY COUNCIL. AND IN SO DOING EXCEPTING AS LEGITIMATE RULERS THE WHITE FASCIST REGIME, THAT STAYS IN POWER BY TERRORISTICALLY INTIMIDATING AND HARASSING OF MILLIONS OF BLACK SOUTH AFRICANS:

WE WISH, YOUR EXCELLENCY, TO REGISTER A VERY STRONG PROTEST OVER GREAT BRITIAN'S CONTINUED INVOLVEMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA. IN PARTICULAR WE WISH TO RE-INFORCE OUR CONTENTION THAT WE FEEL WE CANNOT PROTEST AGAINST VOSTER'S REGIME IN ISOLATION; IF WE DID, YOUR EXCELLENCY, THIS WOULD BE A FAILURE ON OUR PART TO REALISE THE OBJECTIVE REALITIES OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN SITUATION. SOUTH AFRICA TODAY, YOUR EXCELLENCY, SURVIVES BECAUSE OF THE UNQUESTIONABLE SUPPORT GIVEN BY BRITIAN, U.S. AND THE REST OF WESTERN WORLD. BRITIAN THEN IS COLLECTIVELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BRUTAL BURDERS OF INNOCENT CHILDREN, WOMEN AND MEN.

WE THEREFORE CALL UPON GREAT BRITIAN TO WITHDRAW ITS CONCERNS FROM SOUTH AFRICA IMMEDIATELY. YOURS SINCERELY, /S/ R.S. MATLOSA, SECRETARY SASSAC. END QUOTE.
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